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PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.

THE Fifty-Seventh Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun and held in the town of Brandon, December 11-17, 1872, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding.

The following clerical members were present during the session, their names being recorded according to the date of their admission or re-admission into the Conference, viz: John G. Jones, Wm. H. Watkins, Andrew Day, Erastus R. Strickland, Henry J. Harris, Joseph Nicholson, James L. Forsyth, Henderson H. Montgomery, Robert A. Sibley, James A. Godfrey, Archibald B. Nicholson, John A. B. Jones, James H. Shelton, William B. Hines, Ephraim A. Flowers, Jno. J. Clark, Whitfield Harrington, David W. Dillehay Jno. D. Willis, Benjamin Jones, Geo. F. Thompson, Henry P. Lewis, Jno. A. Vance, C. Green Andrews, W. Bryant Lewis, Newton B. Young, Philip S. Petty, Louis Kendall, Harvey F. Johnson, Edwin H. Mounger, Columbus W. Campbell, Ira B. Robertson, Walter W. Hurst, David Merchant, Wm. L. C. Hunnicutt, John D. Hays, Corydon Chamberlin, James K. Hamblen, Franklin W. Sharbrough, Robert B. Downer, James S. Harris, Francis M. Williams, John A. Ellis, William E. M. Linfield, Francis M. Featherstun, Parmenas Howard, Andrew B. Stewart, John W. Harmon, Levi P. Meador, Epaphroditus W. Simmons, Alexander M. Campbell, George M. Liverman, Joshua T. Heard, William Spillman, James Shanks, John C. Brogan, Thomas Y. Armstrong, William H. Leith, James M. Gann, Henry P. Bowen, Charles B. Galloway, Elisha F. Mullins, Charles F. Gillespie, Philip H. Napier, Elisha J. Taylor, Allen Y. Davis, Charles McDonald, Lyman Carley, Ulysses B. Philips, James M. Weems, George W. Chatfield, Reynolds S. Trippett.

Lay Members from the several Districts were present and participated in the proceedings, as follows, viz: Josiah D. Nettles, H. Griffin, W. G. Longmire, James E. Jagers, Marcus Lenoir, Isaac V. Enochs, Edwin G. Cook, John S. Beasley, J. Harvey Thompson, John T. Cameron, E. C. Postell, Ely R. Jones, T. S. West, Irvin Miller, J. H. Hood, A. G. Mayers and J. S. Holbert.

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C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary; J. A. B. Jones, Assistant; Jno. T. Cameron, Recording; and J. J. Smylie, Statistical Secretary.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 1½ P. M. were fixed upon as the time of meeting and adjournment.

Committees were appointed on the various interests of the Church as follows, viz:

On Finance.—J. V. Enochs, H. C. Vaughn, D. C. Langford, T. P. Bell, J. H. Hood, E. R. Jones, V. J. Wroten, J. E. Jagers.

On Sunday Schools.—H. F. Johnson, W. W. Hurst, E. C. Postell, S. B. Watts, I. Miller, R. B. Downer, H. P. Lewis, W. H. Leith.

On Bible Cause.—W. E. Ballard, E. G. Cook, U. B. Philips, J. Shanks, C. McDonald, R. S. Trippett, H. P. Bowen, E. W. Simmons.

On Religious Literature.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, W. Wadsworth, D. M. Dunlap, P. H. Napier, G. M. Liverman, F. M. Featherstun, J. A. Godfrey, W. B. Longmire.

On Memoirs.—J. G. Jones, B. Jones, E. H. Mounger, H. J. Harris.

On Public Worship.—F. M. Williams, G. F. Thompson, A. G. Mayers.

On Missions.—W. Spillman, T. Green, L. P. Meador, J. B. Robertson, H. P. Bowen, D. Merchant, A. B. Nicholson, H. Griffin.

Rev. Dr. L. Parker, editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, was present, representing his paper and the New Orleans Depository.

Rev. Dr. Kline, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Brandon, was introduced, and occupied a seat in the Conference.

Communications from the Publishing House at Nashville, fromr Rev. R. Abbey, Agent, to prosecute the claim of the Southern Methodist Publishing House in the United States Courts, and from the various Conference Schools, were read and referred to appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the regular examination of character.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer—John W. Ellison, from the Yazoo; Calvin C. Watkins, in Deacon's orders, from the Fayette; Joseph B. K. Smith and James W. McLaurin, from the De Kalb; Thomas S. West, in Elder's orders, from the Wayne Circuit; and Edward Hicks, from Meridian Station.

Second Question—Who remain on trial?

Answer—Warren C. Black, in Deacon's orders; James J. Smylie, H. W. Featherstun, in Deacon's orders; Jno. W. Sandell, in Elder's orders.

Third Question—Who are discontinued?

Answer—Alexander Trotter, by his own request.

Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—Geo. M. Gillmore, Jno. W. Hall, Daniel G. W. Ellis, each in Deacon's orders; Jacob H. Holland, in Elder's orders; Thomas B. Walden, Hiram R. Singleton, James S. Parker, David P. Bradford.

Fifth Question—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—D. A. J. Parker.

Question Sixth—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—Reynolds S. Trippett, from the Louisiana; Ralph Bradley, Robert Barnip, Wm. Jno. Bullivant, from the North Mississippi Conference. Oliver P. H. Davis was received from the Congregational Methodist Church. Ransom J. Jones, from the North Mississippi Conference.

Question Seventh—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer—George W. Chatfield, Ulysses B. Philips, each in Elder's orders; James M. Weems, David A. Givens.

Question Eighth—What Traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—James J. Smylie, Thomas B. Walden, Hiram R. Singleton, James S. Parker, David P. Bradford.

Question Ninth—What Traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—James. J. Smylie, Thomas B. Walden, Hiram R. Singleton, James S. Parker, David P. Bradford.

Question Tenth—What Local Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Joseph B. K. Smith, Edward Hicks, Jno. Newton Henry, Abner B. Ward, James Franklin, Wm. D. Dominick.

Question Eleventh—What Local Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—Edward Hicks, Abner Ward, Benjamin D. Sellers, Robert J. Hopkins, William D. Dominick, Joseph B. K. Smith.

Question Twelfth—What Traveling Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Lyman Carley.

Question Thirteenth—What Traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Lyman Carley.

Question Fourteenth—What Local Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—John Sample, James H. Muse, Michael Cox, Wesley G Evans, Warren C. Black.

Question Fifteenth—What Local Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Warren C. Black.

Question Sixteenth—Who have located this year?

Answer—Jarrott W. McNeil, John Lusk, Bascom T. Pearson.

Question Seventeenth—Who are Supernumerary?

Answer—G. Y. Vickers, A. Y. Davis, J. K. Hamblen, J. W. Adams, W. Spillman, J. C. Brogan, Jas. N. Williams, W. G. Millsaps.

Question Eighteenth—Who are Superannuated?

Answer—Wm. Finn, James Long, William McCormick, Jesse McKay, Barnabas Pipkin, Thomas Clinton, John G. Deskin, John B. Higginbotham, Levi Pearce, Hervey Copeland, John G. Jones, Jno. B. Bowen.

Question Nineteenth—What Preachers have died during the year?

Answer—Thomas Nixon, Ransom J. Jones, Sr., Leonidas R. Redding.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Thomas Nixon was born in Kershaw District, South Carolina, October 22, 1793, and died in Raymond, Mississippi, March 4, 1872, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and sixtieth of his ministry. While young his parents moved to Tennessee, and settled on Duck River, in Maury county. His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his father was a local preacher. In his seventeenth year he was converted, and joined the Church at Mount Pisgah, in the month of May, 1810. His change from unbelief to saving faith, and from sin to holiness, was clear and satisfactory, and he entered on his new life with unspeakable comfort and heavenly joy. While warm in his first love he began to feel "inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel." After due examination as to his call and qualifications, he was licensed to preach, and admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference, November 1, 1812. After traveling three years in the Tennessee Conference with marked success and acceptability, he was appointed to Wilkinson Circuit, in the Mississippi Territory, in the fall of 1815; and in the fall of 1816 he united with eight other ministers in forming the first legal Conference ever held in Mississippi. Having been previously ordained Deacon by Bishop Asbury, at this Conference he was ordained Elder by Bishop Roberts. Until 1821 he traveled extensively and preached with great acceptability in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. After the Conference of 1821 his name disappears from the roll of traveling preachers, and he sustained a local relation until December 1833, when he was re-admitted, and after three or four years of successful labor in the western portion of Central Mississippi, his domestic circumstances again compelled his location. In

November, 1866, he was again re-admitted into the Mississippi Conference, and, after laboring extensively, both as an effective and supernumerary preacher, at our last Conference he was placed on the superannuated roll. Of the sixty years of his ministry, twenty were spent in the itinerancy and forty in the local corps. On the 9th of May, 1824, he married Miss Elizabeth Rawles, a lady every way qualified to make him a suitable companion. By this marriage he raised a large family of children, and having to rear and educate them by his own personal labor and economy, he settled on a farm near Cayuga, in Hinds county, and continued in the same vicinity to the close of life. At a suitable time after the death of his first wife, he married Miss Cynthia Dean, November 17, 1847, another estimable Christian lady, who survives him.

Brother Nixon was a man of fine personal appearance, rather above medium size, and built for strength and endurance. Like most of the itinerant preachers of his generation, he was self-educated, so far as theological and pulpit attainments were concerned. His mind was well balanced and quite above mediocrity. He was not boisterous in the pulpit, but had a clear, sonorous, pathetic, easy flowing delivery, and when fully in the spirit of preaching his voice was decidedly musical. He was well versed in the doctrines and discipline of the Church, and always ready to explain and defend them. His style of preaching was Wesleyan, and its character more like that of John than Peter; his ministry was that of love, rather than of reproof and alarm. While in the itinerancy, the statistics show his success in the increase of the membership wherever he labored, whether in old charges, or in the organization of new ones. As a local preacher he was industrious, and an acknowledged pillar in the Church wherever he labored. To "finish the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus" was his ruling desire to the last, and it was with great reluctance that he consented to be placed on the retired roll. But his work on earth was done, and the Master called his toil-worn servant from labor to rest. Being called to Raymond on business, he was violently attacked with congestion of the bowels, and after lingering a few days, on the 4th of March, 1872, he breathed his last in great peace.

During his excruciating illness his mind was stayed on God, and his faith was vigorous and unwavering. Just as he was closing the mortal strife and stepping on the other shore, he sent back the triumphant shout, "All is well! Jesus is with me!"

December 14, 1872. J. G. JONES.

RANSOM J. JONES, Sr., was born in Spartansburg District, South Carolina, April 12th, 1808, and died at his residence, in Jasper county, Miss., March 23, 1872.

Brother Jones entered the Alabama Conference, as a traveling preacher in 1833—traveled four years and located. He was married first in 1835, to Miss Abigail McInnis. The meager support yielded to the traveling preachers, the extensive field of operations, necessitating long absence from his family, operated to influence Brother Jones to locate, as he thought, only for a short time, until he could place his family in circumstances that they could, in a measure at least, be self-supporting. In this, like many others, he was disappointed, and was compelled to remain local beyond all his calculation.

He settled permanently in Jasper county, Miss,, about the year 1836 or 1837, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits with success. He was an industrious and frugal man. God blessed and prospered him. Though diligent in business, he was not unmindful of the vows of God that were upon him, but labored extensively in that then new country as a Local Preacher.

He was a model Local Preacher sound in doctrine, in faith, an able minister of the New Testament. Like many others of whom "the world is not worthy," he suffered persecution. Perhaps few men have been

called to pass a severer ordeal. Yet he came forth out of all without the smell of fire upon his garments. The writer of this will cherish among the happiest recollections of his early ministry, the fatherly counsel and fraternal co-operation of Brother Jones. He was always ready and willing to aid his pastor, and was a true man to God and the church.

Of his first marriage Brother Jones had seven children born to him, only four of whom survive their sainted father and mother. Two of these are now among the most efficient and promising members of the North Mississippi Conference. The other is the wife of our worthy and highly esteemed brother, E. H. Mounger, of the Mississippi Conference. Brother Jones reared his family for God and the church, and through them "he, being dead, yet speaketh." He was re-admitted into the traveling connection as a member of the Mississippi Conference in December, 1855, and was appointed to the Biloxi District, as Presiding Elder. This was for the most part missionary ground, an extensive and laborious field, embracing almost the entire region from the sea shore—bounded by Pearl River on the West, and the limits of the Conference on the North and East. He was released from this arduous work only when failing strength absolutely demanded. He then devoted himself cheerfully, and rendered efficient service in the undertaking to organize the colored members of our Church into a separate and independent communion. He was a Presiding Elder for them while they were still under the care of the Mississippi Conference. He was married a second time, in 1865, to Miss Mary J. Beuge, of Jasper county, who, with three children, still survives him.

His end was peaceful. He lived to see the salvation of God wonderfully manifested, and died, as only a good man meets his fate. Surely we may write of him: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they cease from their labors and their works do follow them." H. J. HARRIS.

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Upon the recovery of his health he returned to the army, and was elected Chaplain, in which capacity he served until
Some time in the Spring or Summer of 1866 he came to Mississippi and halted at Hazlehurst, where he remained until the time of the sitting of the Conference in Brookhaven, in the fall of 1866. He offered himself as a transfer from Georgia to the Mississippi Conference, was received and stationed at Brookhaven. He lived in Brookhaven until 1870, when he was invited to take charge of a school in Hazlehurst.

Brother Redding located at the Conference held in Crystal Springs in 1870, and continued to live in Hazlehurst until a few weeks before his death, when he left home for Georgia to visit his father and to die.

While in Brookhaven he filled the place of teacher or professor of mathematics in Whitworth Female College. As a mathematician he was accurate and inventive. As a teacher he was efficient and thorough. As a lawyer he was successful and reliable. In his political relations and course, and as a municipal officer while in Hazlehurst, his conduct seems not to have been well understood at the time. But he lived to make his enemies respect him and to awaken the admiration of his friends.

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APPOINTMENTS.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Local Preachers.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Sunday Schools.	Superintendents and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Moneys expended	Number of Churches.	Number of Sittings.	Value of Churches	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Value.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collection.	Missions.	Tracts.	Ministerial Education.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Books Sold.	Periodicals Taken	Salary of Presiding Elders.	Receipts.	Salary of Preachers in Charge.	Receipts.
WOODVILLE DISTRICT.																															
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Holmesville	219		1		10	14	1	4	35	17	15 00	3	1500	3000					15 00	20 50	17 50					10 00		80	64 90	425 00	324 55
St. Helena	191	1	2	1	3	2	7	33	24	100	12 85	4	800	5000					11 50	17 55					125			50	34 50	365 00	272 25
Greensburg	320		2	45	12	1	4	70		10		5	1200	2000					11 50	25 00					10 00			50	50 00	350 00	215 00
Pontchatoula	84		1	12	23							2	350	7000					6 00	6 30					16 30		2	25	5 00	375 00	88 90
Covington	160		1	8	28	5	15	75	29	40	20 00	5	650	3500					8 87	23 60								50	17 00	350 00	214 00
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Mount Carmel	373		1	32	22					5	6 50	4	1400	2000					8 50	25 00	14 00				31 00		100	59 25	600 00		355 65
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Columbia	190		1	1	4	4	12	70				7	750	3500					4 50	29 00	3 55						100	75 00	450 00		148 50
Williamsburg Mission	141	1		13	2							2	325	350											7 65	15	60	16 90	450 00		143 50
Ocean Springs	105		2	8	4	2	20	60	8		7 70	3	750	4000					9 50	4 00	4 00										
White Plains Mission	148	6	3	5	12	1	3	20		3	100 00								8 15						200 00		3	50	32 00	700 00	466 00
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West Pascagoula	186	5	2	6	20	2	6	30	107			7	1000	2000					2 00							5 00	7	80	18 00	425 00	150 00
Green Mission	118	10		4	12	1	3	20	6																					400 00	137 75
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Brandywine	450		1	26	22	3	13	70	104		20 00	4	800	2000					21 50	11 40	3 00					15 00	15	125	40 00	500 00	215 00
Crystal Springs Station	245		2	25	8	1	8	52	23	20	85 00	1	300	2000	1	1500			16 20	21 30	17 00				46 95			225	100 00	1000 00	500 00
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Pleasant Valley and Rehoboth	120		4		12		12	90				2	800	2500					19 50	17 50									116 00		400 00
Burtonton	102		1	4	7							3	1200	3000					18 25	25 00									62 00	400 00	282 20
Georgetown	172		1	6	13	4	4	11	24		7 00	2	500	1800					18 60	19 25	21 50						12	175	105 00	500 00	302 95
Bogue Chitto	55		6	11	8	3	15	110	184		15 00	6	1670	4300					10 00	1 00	1 00					10 00	17	100	31 00	400 00	131 00
Wesson and Beauregard	86		1	12	18	1	10	50	109	25	75 00	2	800	1900					25 00	36	9 00							135	125 00	800 00	300 00
Providence	310		5	10	8	2	7	100	106		13 00	6	2000	3000			80 Acres.	400	25 00	32 05	41 40	6		30 00	200	15 00	20	187 20	124 35	412 50	425 80
Jackson Circuit	128			1	3	1	7	30	58	20	15 00	3	1500	6500					20 00	17 00	6 00				275		20	125	74 55	425 00	233 00
Total	2015	2	25	119	87	18	109	728	2004	155	345 00	33	11420	37600	2	3000		50,400	249 85	257 75	222 15	6		30 00	696 95	85 00	110	1607	1094 85	6186 50	3907 50
JACKSON DISTRICT.																															
Jackson Station	173		1	9	10	1	25	122	1900	75	15 20	1	400	11000	1	3500	Lot.	School	40 00	77 00	50 00				48 50		150	200	200 00	1200 00	1200 00
Madison	77		1		2	1	5	16	300			4	1300	6500	1	1000			19 90	62 50	30 00		10 00				20	100	95 00	750 00	607 00
Canton Station	141	1		5	18	1	20	120	450	50	285 00	1	450	7500			Property	5000		55 25	45 45				883 50		117	200	146 00	1266 00	946 05
Sharon	148		2	1	8	3	23	107	300		63 30	3	650	3500			College.	4150	20 45	10 60	10 00		43 35			76	75	85 60	335 00	335 00
Sulphur Springs	174		5	7	15	5	16	85	190	14	23 80	2	600	1500					8 40	3 25	6 00	27					9	75	69 00	475 00	668 00
Carthage	300		4	32	19	1	5	25		40	30 00	6	1200	1500					28 50	22 00	13 00				20 00	70 00	36	100	100 00	325 00	325 00
Camden	90			1	10	2	12	45	100	14	14 00	2	550	4000					13 60	43 00	30 10						19	75	61 15	725 00	612 25
Thomastown	150																														
Yazoo City Station	109	2			1	1	13	90	500	40	72 65	1	300	8000	1	2500	Lot.	1000	30 00	50 00	41 75		10 00	5 00	423 00			100	90 00	1000 00	1050 00
Silver Creek																															
Yazoo	348		3	29	24	4	27	161	130		68	76 65	5	1225	6700				34 50	9 75	9 70						283	150	150 00	750 00	317 75
Mt. Olivet	311		3	26		3	12	70			9 00	3	950	7000	1	800			35 00	70 00	23 00			20 00	37 50			125	125 00	800 00	800 00
Yazoo Mission	23				5		1	14		12	5 00	1	300	800					4 75												
Brownsville	176	4			5	7	1	7	30	50	30 00	2	600	5000			Lot.	400	37 00	65 00	100 00				7 00		33	125	125 00	800 00	580 00
Raymond	105			3	23	3	20	200	300	50	250 00	3	1200	12000			old Church	600	35 50	35 25	48 45							50	125	104 00	1000 00	315 75
Total	2224	7	15	134	122	27	180	1090	3450	413	807 65	33	9725	82200	4	7800			307 00	563 00	367 45	27	63 35	25 00	1419 50	70 00	795	1450	1350 15	9420 00	7926 80
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.																															
Vicksburg Station	205		1	19	17	1	24	140	2200	50	5 50	1	600	20000	1	5000	Lot.	2500	26 00	57 20	16 00	70				25 00		200	138 00	1686 00	1686 80
Vicksburg Mission	48		1	4	6	1	12	75	238		292 20	1	225	5000														20		1500 00	586 95
North Warren	216		1	5	1	4	12	80	200	40	40 00	2	400	1300	1	1000	6 Lots.	500	25 00	75 00	60 00	45	20 00			50 00	45	200	130 00	800 00	521 41
South Warren	111			1								1	300	1000														100	105 00		
Cayuga	280			1	15	3	15	90	225	16	30 00	5	1150	5300					15 05	45 05	54 00		50 00			40 00	40	100	100 00	600 00	500 00
Rocky Springs	228		2	22	15	1	4	30	150	2	5 00	3	850	3200					20 00	65 00	15 00				200 00		15	100	75 00	600 00	300 00
Port Gibson Station	117		1	22	10	1	12	85	450	36	7 00	1	550	1600			2 lots & col.	11000	20 85	15 00	11 00	3		9 00	733 00	15 00	150	200	97 50	1500 00	776 00
Fayette	381		3	7	10	5	23	150	500	5	50 00	3	1500	13000	1	1200			41 55	56 85	32 00	50						85	150	124 85	1100 00	907 00
Natchez Station	178			1	17	1	15	193	250		100 00	1	300	25000			Lot.	5000	35 00	46 00	20 00				30 00			250	200	55 00	1200 00	
Kingston	21		1	3	3	1	3	25	10		90 00	1	200	7000					10 00	25 00	10 00							25	200	65 00	700 00	700 00
Rolling Fork	43		1	4	8	1	11	42		35	33 56						2 Lots.	160	10 45	14 10	19 20	15			350 00			60	87 85	300 00	283 00
Glover Hill	40																		7 00	20 00	31 00							9	150	115 40	450 00	450 00
Mildale and Sunflower	76																									27 00	21	150	157 00	300 00	700 00
Total	1739	1	21	68	121	19	133	840	4113	178	1197 76	20	5775	61400	3	7200	12 Lots & col		41600	210 90	419 20	378 20	183	70 00	48 00	1283 00	157 00	400	1410	1191 35	10036 86	7761 22
BRANDON DISTRICT.																															
Brandon Station	66				3	1	6	70	300	40	18 00	1	300	5000							14 25		40		100 00	18 00		8	100	100 00	800 00	800 00
Brandon Circuit	360											5	1500	2500							12 00							100	82 40	700 00	576 78
Forrest	248		3	19	10	2	9	55			15 00	3	700	1650			Lot.	50 00	26 20	10 50	18 55				100 00			100	70 20	500 00	421 10
Hillsboro	393	8	6	13	9	3	17	95	340	15		4	900	1100			Lot.		8 25	20 50	15 00							100	67 75	600 00	321 65
Trenton	355		1	17	11			22	120	28	14 00	2	1000	1175	1	800			15 25	23 80	18 80					11 60	20	75	47 35	600 00	378 70
Taylorsville Mission	120		2	2																											
Taylorsville	240		2	20	16							6	685	625																	
Gallatin Mission	201		1	6	11			45	135																						
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Decatur Mission	147	1		3								1	300	750					8 20									50	5 50	300 00	51 50
Meridian	209			16	12	1	10	75	200		15 00	1	500	3000			Lot.	50 00	14 50	11 10	24 00					15 00	13	100	71 60	550 00	323 45
Chunkeyville	70		2	21	9	1	15	75	200	12	25 00	1	150	1000			Land.	150 00	22 95	7 50	7 15							75	53 20	500 00	371 60
Lauderdale	230			9	17	3	15	111	225	50		2	1100	2500					27 65	20 50	15 25							35	75	75 00	500 00	500 00
Total	3006	6	26	142	98	22	75	493	1351	143	353 00	41	9435	20550	1	400	Lots.	250 00	141 25	150 15	109 75	40		100 00	118 00	38 60	123	875	623 95	5810 00	4296 18
MERIDIAN DISTRICT.																															
Meridian Station	252		4	8		1	21	165	500	100	127 00	1	400	2500	1	1500	College.	8350	40 00	75 55	50 50			53 85	3854 05	12 00	23	205	160 00	1200 00	1100 00
Chickasaha Mission					1	1	4	25																							
Marion	467		6	38	34	13	50	230	3000	50	100 00	11	3250	3475					15 00	30 00					50 00			100	83 30	600 00	563 00
De Kalb	445			30	25	3	14	75	400			6	1800	2500	1	800			25 00	32 00	36 00						50	130	104 00	685 00	527 00
Spring Hill	376		1	33	46	6	38	238	1125	15	33 00	7	2500	4450	1	800				75 20	70 20	75				6 00	20	110	72 40	700 00	586 00
Enterprise Station	71		1	6	4	1	15	84	683	30	69 40	1	600	2000														75	61 80	400 00	219 00
Enterprise Mission	46										20 00	2	400	800																	57 00
Enterprise Circuit	342			31	32	14	1	8	40			6	1700	3100					16 85	41 80								75	61 80	450 00	319 00
Clarke	242			3	6	17	3	21	100	225	58 50	9	1400	2800					17 75	28 00	16 40				100 00			62	75	75 00	430 00	131 25
Wayne	377		6	45	20	6	27	188	300			4	1200	1200			Lot.	150	12 40	17 05							20	100	89 65	500 00	402 25
Paulding	395		3	25	15	3	12	75			15 00	8	1600	2400					28 00	36 60							20	100	76 20	500 00	452 25
Shubuta	206		3		8	2	28	166	123	50	57 60	1	400	1500	1	100			22 85	21 40		100		12 00				120	91 00	700 00	486 50
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RECAPITULATION.

	White Members.	Colored Members.	Local Preachers.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Sunday Schools.	Superintendents and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Moneys expended	Number of Churches.	Number of Sittings.	Value of Churches	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Value.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collection.	Missions.	Tracts.	Ministerial Education.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Books Sold.	Periodicals Taken	Salary of Presiding Elders.	Receipts.	Salary of Preachers in Charge.	Receipts.
WOODVILLE DISTRICT.	2094	2	18	131	111	20	95	646	1330	99	136 00	38	8050	51050	3	8300	Centenary College	200550	164 30	245 50	126 00	10		15 00	222 00	36 00	194	1050	943 78	6810 00	5862 80
SUMMIT DISTRICT.	1346	5	11	108	114	13	62	323	1000	306	187 35	30	7200	26000	1	1200			82 95	148 30	49 00				2001 30	30 00	69	555	324 75	2965 00	2036 70
SEASHORE DISTRICT.	2207	46	16	107	135	23	117	705	1376	108	238 20	39	9175	20850	1	2700			66 65	119 00	71 55		5 00	20 00	1800	273 65	100	470	381 15	3975 00	2718 90
OKSHAVEN DISTRICT.	2015	2	25	119	87	18	109	728	2004	155	345 00	33	11420	37600	2	3000	College	50400	249 85	257 75	222 15	6		30 00	696 95	85 00	140	1607	1094 85	6186 50	3907 50
JACKSON DISTRICT.	2324	7	15	131	125	26	188	1090	3450	413	807 65	33	9725	82200	4	7800		16150	307 60	563 00	367 45	27	63 35	25 00	1419 50	70 00	796	1450	1350 15	9426 00	7926 80
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.	1739	1	21	68	121	19	133	840	4113	178	1197 76	20	5775	61400	3	7200		41600	210 90	419 20	378 20	183	70 00	48 00	1283 00	157 00	400	1410	1191 35	10036 86	7761 22
BRANDON DISTRICT.	3009	6	26	142	98	22	75	493	1351	143	353 00	41	9435	20550	1	400		250	141 25	150 15	109 75				118 00	38 60	123	875	623 95	5810 00	4296 20
MERIDIAN DISTRICT	3248		31	227	196	43	239	1436	5802	277	488 10	56	14070	23485	3	2400		8500	82 75	305 80	309 55	175		65 85	4304 00	18 00	196	1090	875 45	6255 00	4681 60
GRAND TOTAL	17982	69	163	1033	987	188	1008	6261	20425	1680	375 295	290	75730	323135	18	33000		317450	1306 25	2147 70	1533 65	441	138 35	303 85	11843 75	708 25	1877	8505	6765 40	51526 36	39267 75
TOTAL LAST YEAR	17124	456	143	1142	948	180	952	9869	17223	1489	2393 28	300	63225	303241	17	28200			1044 31	1716 60	1782 96	144	25	304 00	6784 35	1763 65	1239	8271	6002 40	42270 00	35289 31
INCREASE	858		20		39	3	56		3202	191	1359 67		12525	19794	1	4800			251 94	481 65		296	45		5059 40		638	234	763 00	9256 35	3978 45
DECREASE		387			109				3608			10									249 30			165 65	238 65						

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Leonidas R. Redding was a gifted, a talented man. He succeeded in everything that he undertook, and he undertook many things. He was a Christian gentleman, lived to make but few enemies and many friends. He was a minister of God, lived as such, labored as such, died as such. He came into our midst unheralded, unpretentious, lived, in a measure, unknown, and passed away, leaving us an example of truth and love and purity, the force of which we can only feel by careful study.

Question Twentieth—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Question Twenty-first—What is the number of Local Preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer—[See Statistical Table marked D.]

Question Twenty-second—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—987.

Question Twenty-third—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1142.

Question Twenty-fourth—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer—183.

Question Twenty-fifth—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

Answer—1008.

Question Twenty-sixth—What is the number of Sunday School scholars?

Answer—6261.

Question Twenty-seventh—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—$5,650 00.

Question Twenty-eighth—What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

Answer—For bishops, $1,532 75. For superannuates, widows and orphans, $2,210 05, distributed as follows, viz: See page 15.

Question Twenty-ninth—What has been contributed for missions?

Answer—$1,650 50.

Question Thirtieth—Where shall the next session of Conference be held?

Answer—Brandon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools consider the year's labor now before them to compare favorably with the past.

Our Uniform Lesson System steadily grows in favor wherever faithfully tested. Other denominations are adopting it.

The Sunday School Visitor, Magazine and Little People ought to go to every Methodist home, and as faithful pastors it should be a pleasant duty to be the happy medium of entrance.

We urge the use of our Catechisms around the firesides and in the Sunday School.

We find that the lack of warm, comfortable buildings, earnest, self-sacrificing officers and teachers, compels the suspension, if not the disorganization, of many schools each year. Brethren, this could and should be avoided if we would take more interest in these matters. Your committee earnestly entreat that you devote more of your time and talents in this department, as impressions upon the young heart are more easily made, and more indellible, than when the heart is charged with the cares of this life.

We deem this subject so important that in addition to the regular pastors sent to each field, we think great good would result from the labors of one charged with the one work as a Sunday School Evangelist, or agent, whose duty it would be to visit the various fields and address the schools and congregations on Sunday School interests.

In conclusion, your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Sunday School Convention be held during the year in every Presiding Elder's district, (whenever practicable,) to be called and presided over by the Presiding Elder.

Resolved, That the report of conversions among the Sunday School children would be an item worthy of record on Church Conference Journals, and to report at said Conventions.

Resolved, That at the next Annual Conference ample time be allowed to hold a Sunday School Anniversary—to have reported the year's labors, and to be addressed by suitable persons, chosen by the Sunday School Committee for the occasion.

Resolved, That we request that Rev. J. W. Harmon be appointed as Sunday School Agent to travel within the bounds of the Conference and address the schools and congregations upon Sunday School interests.

H. F. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

R. B. DOWNER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report:

That we regard the Bible as the word of God, and as such, above all praise, and rejoice in the efficient instrumentalities employed for its universal circulation in our own and in foreign lands, and for the remarkable success which has attended their efforts. It is now being printed and published in nearly two hundred languages and tongues of the babbling earth.

Then let it continue to be published and circulated until every family shall be supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

Therefore, we cordially recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of this Conference:

Resolved, That we heartily co-operate with the South-western Bible Society in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures in the several fields assigned us.

Resolved, That we will recommend to our people in our several charges the adoption of the plan of the Board of the South-western Bible Society for the distribution of the Word of God, and endeavor to enlist as many as we can in the good work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HARRINGTON, *Chairman.*

R. S. TRIPPETT, *Secretary.*

Brandon, Dec. 16.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present their report.

And first of

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

This institution, once our boast, now our hope, is represented as in prosperous, growing condition. Important and needed repairs have been put upon the buildings, and the number of students is greater than at any time since its re-organization The faculty, with Rev. C. G. Andrews at its head, is composed of men already distinguished in their several departments, and the course of study is thorough and complete. We think that no college in all the South is more eligibly situated, has more ample and convenient buildings, or affords greater inducements as a place of learning. This Conference will fully endorse it.

THE PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Is presided over by R. S. Ricketts, whose scholarship and aptness to teach eminently fit him for his position. This institution is one of the oldest in the State—is situated in the midst of a cultivated community, and is amply provided with buildings and fixtures for a first-class school. We recommend that the Presiding Elder of Vicksburg District be appointed its Agent.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

This school was only projected a year ago. Buildings to meet its present wants have been erected, at a cost of $5000 or $6000, There are now 70 pupils. Prof. Rice, for many years connected with Florence University, has charge of it. He is a man of thorough scholarship and large experience, and deserves the support of the church. The growing city of Meridian, as a centre of trade for a large scope of territory, offers many inducements to the patronage of this school.

The Trustees desire to make additions to its buildings, and ask the services of Rev. J. A. Ellis as its financial agent. The committee recommend his appointment.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE,

At Brookhaven, is sounding its own praise. It has suddenly grown into an importance rarely attained in so short a time. It has now 160 students. Its buildings, fixtures and grounds are serviceable and highly suited to the purposes of a female college. Rev. H. F. Johnson, its President, and an ample corps of teachers, inspire us with confidence in its success, and warrant us in recommending it to the patronage of our people. In order that this college shall accomplish the vast and important work contemplated by its Board of Trustees, it needs to be liberally endowed. We recommend that Rev. W. Harrington be appointed its financial agent.

This mere detail, however important as showing the actual working of our schools, fails to present the scope of our educational interests and duties. As an ecclesiastical organization, wielding an influence not less efficient than any other in the State, we shall be false to our trust if we permit the children of the church to be educated outside of our own institutions. We are in no danger of being charged with bigotry if we claim that Methodist children should be taught in the doctrines and polity of Methodism, and so long as we sanction that fatal liberality which commits the shaping of the thought and habit of our youth to a godless government, or to an offensively sectarian ecclesiasticism, we need not wonder that our daughters seek an asylum in other Christian churches, and our sons reach their manhood the victims of an infidelity which sets at naught the claims of piety toward God. There has been no period of our history which demands greater vigilance than that through which we now pass. The standard of public morals was never more degraded, the pretensions of science were never more imposing, and the avenues to wealth or position were never more thronged with temptations to corruption. It is settled that our children shall be educated, but where, and by whom, are questions of practical bearing, which we must answer to them and to God. Are we ready to concede the pre-eminence to the State, or to admit that any ecclesiastical organization is better fitted than ours to develop the highest style of mental or moral character? Then let us bear back to the graves of the fathers the honors they bequeathed—candor, the last virtue that survives. But if our work is not yet finished, if we believe that there is necessity, or apology for the existence of Methodism, if we do not intend to be recreant to our trust, let us see to it that our inheritance shall stimulate us to grander victories and more beneficent results.

The patronage and endowment of our schools lay their claims upon us in the face of our wasted fortunes and our ruined hopes. It is not true that our schools are more expensive, our teachers less learned, our discipline less suited to manly or womanly character. It is not true that we are too poor to educate our children, or too sordid to support our seats of learning. No, none of these are true. What we need is a manly independence, which shall build for ourselves, equally remote from intolerance on one side and licentiousness on the other. Better spell out the sacred lesson, all-imbued with the fervor of moral and religious life, than boast an Alma Mater whose years are counted by centuries, but whose teachings mock at Jesus and experimental religion. But we are not shut up to such a necessity. Men of learning, skill and piety occupy the chairs in our colleges; women of culture and refinement, all the more gentle and the more refined because the grace of godliness adorns the life, are employed in our schools and academies. We need not go abroad; we only need to educate our children in our own schools, and where of right they may expect to grow familiar with the doctrines and usages which make us a peculiar people; therefore,

Resolved, That while we sincerely rejoice with our God's people in the successful efforts to educate the youth of the country, we solemnly pledge ourselves to support and foster, first and most zealously, those institutions of learning which are under the direction of our own church.

W. H. WATKINS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is too young to have yet produced a standard Literature of her own. Not yet thirty years of age, though she numbers over half a million of souls, it could not be expected that she should exhibit a very extensive or profound theological Literature. She has given more attention to the conversion of souls than to the writing of books.

Methodist preachers are, for the most part, too active to write much. Though their great founder and admired pattern, John Wesley, found time to read, write and print much, while he was, in preaching, most abundant, insomuch that his power through the press was, even while he lived, almost if not quite as great as that which he exerted through his wonderful pulpit labors; yet it must be remembered that his circumstances were very different from those which have surrounded the men who have been endeavoring to spread scriptural holiness through these lands by proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to the scattered inhabitants of these western wilds. Notwithstanding our youth as a church, and the untowardness of our circumstances, the M. E. Church, South, is laying a good foundation for an original Christian Literature of her own. The neeessary brevity of this report must constitute our apology for omitting to mention many worthy books which would properly fall within the scope of its subject.

Ralston's Elements of Divinity is a work of no mean ability, treating briefly of the most important of those profound subjects that have engaged the minds of theologians in all ages. Winans' Discourses are a treasury of thought, and compare favorably with those of the greatest divines of the world. The Commentary of Dr. T. O. Summers on the Four Gospels, in four volumes, has been highly and deservedly commended by those capable of judging, while his work on Baptism is an excellent treatise on that much discussed subject. The various works of Rev. Richard Abbey, from the Ecclesiastical Constitutions to the City of God and the Church-makers, are the result of much patient and laborious thought, and ably discuss many things fundamental in the doctrine and polity of the church. We have, too, the History of the M. E. Church, South, and the History of Methodism in Kentucky, by Dr. A. H. Redford—works most readable and instructive, especially to the young. We are to have, moreover, Histories of Local Methodism in the different Conferences, as one in Tennessee, by Dr. J. B. McFerrin, which is, we believe, now passing through the press. We should not omit to mention that ably and classically written work of our senior Bishop, Paine, The Life and Times of Bishop McKendree.

The Introduction of Protestantism into the South-west, by Rev. J. G. Jones, is a valuable contribution to the historical literature of the church, while the Essay on Dancing, by the same author, is a most efficacious antidote to that very fascinating and popular vice.

But time would fail us to tell of Post Oak Circuit, Theophilus Walton Theological Colloquies, Bascom's Sermons, Progress, Family Government, and a host of other valuable contributions to the Literature of our Church which have originated among ourselves.

Of Religious Literature, not original, we have either published or sold at Nashville, or elsewhere, the cream of the Literature of the world and of the ages.

Our Periodical Literature consists of the Quarterly Review, published at St. Louis, Mo., which has been pronounced by competent judges one of the ablest Reviews in Europe or America; the Nashville Christian Advocate, and eight other weekly Christian journals, published by order of the General Conference, or by individuals, and in the interest of Methodism, at St. Louis, Baltimore, Richmond, Macon, Memphis, New Orleans, Gal-

veston and San Francisco; together with our Sunday School Literature, which has recently grown to be a power in the church, consisting of the Sunday School Magazine, the Sunday School Visitor, (weekly, semi-monthly and monthly,) Our Little People, and the Lesson Papers. The Advocates have each a circulation of from five to twelve thousand copies, while the Sunday School publications have been sent abroad over the country to the extent of more than a million of copies of the various kinds, during the last twelve months.

Of Catechetical Literature, we have several Question Books, by Dr. T O. Summers, Capers' Catechisms, Wesleyan Catechisms, and others. However, we are sorry to say that we have not yet seen a Catechism entirely suitable for little children.

Last, though not least, we have the beautiful Musical Literature, which has been sent out by our Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Haygood, under the names of the Amaranth and the Emerald, in which he has wisely combined with the more fugitive popular songs for children, some of the choicest Hymns and tunes of the church, that the children may not grow up strangers to the psalmody of the church of their fathers. We specially recommend that these hymns of the church Hymn Book shall not be overlooked by our Sunday Schools.

It affords us pleasure to learn, through the Annual Exhibit of Dr. A. H. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House at Nashville, referred to this committee, that that Institution is in a more prosperous condition than ever before, notwithstanding the loss of 20,000 dollars by fire in the early part of the present year. The fire has been made the occasion of enlarging the foundation and rebuilding the entire structure, so as to make it one of the most beautiful and commodious buildings of the kind in the whole country.

The Nashville Christian Advocate is represented as in a most prosperous condition. The Agent has demonstrated, by its management, beyond all question the practicability of increasing the receipts of a paper by lessening its price and increasing its size. The Nashville Christian Advocate is now, perhaps, the cheapest newspaper in America.

Our Sunday School Literature is excellent in quality and most convenient in form. It ought to be in every Sunday School, and there should be a Sunday School in every neighborhood.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate is ably edited by Rev. Dr. Parker, and is an excellent family newspaper. It is our paper, and we should invariably give it the preference over every competitor for our patronage. It is a valuable auxiliary to a preacher of the Gospel, and should be in every family. We are glad to know that its finances, and also those of the Book Depository, are in good condition under the judicious management of Rev. R. J. Harp.

In view of the foregoing, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That we highly appreciate the efforts of our brethren to furnish original Religious Literature for the church.

2d. That we rejoice in the rich inheritance of Christian Literature which the wise and good of the ages past have bequeathed to us.

3d, That we recognize in our Periodical Literature an invaluable auxiliary to the work of the ministry.

4th, That we will endeavor to be more diligent and faithful than heretofore in promoting the use of the Christian Literature within our reach as a means of enlightening and christianizing our people.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to report:

1. That to meet the claims of the Bishops we needed.....$1,450 00
2. Our receipts on this account are 1,532 75

Excess above assessment.....$ 82 75

3. Following the plan heretofore adopted by the Joint Board for making allowance to the general claimants upon the Conference collections, we find the amount necessary to meet these claims to be.....$4,200 00
4. We have received on that account, and distributed according to report herewith submitted $2,212 05

5. The deficiency in this account is.....$1,977 95

The distribution of the Conference Collection Fund is as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

NAMES.	AMOUNTS.	BY WHOM RECEIVED
Robert Lambuth's child	$ 14 15	F. W. Sharbrough.
Mrs. Vernon Johnston and children—3	130 90	H. J. Harris.
Mrs. Dawson and child	102 60	P. S. Petty.
Mrs. N. S. Thompson and children—5	171 00	T. P. Bell.
Thomas Clinton and wife	88 50	D. P. Bradford.
Mrs. Campbell	88 00	J. L. Forsyth.
Mrs. Cooper	44 00	H. H. Montgomery
James Long and wife	88 50	J. H. Holland.
J. B. Higginbotham	22 00	W. H. Leith.
Mrs. Debora Johnston	88 40	W. B. Leith.
Mrs. David Wigins and child	102 50	H. H. Montgomery
Bro. Massey's children—3	51 75	Same.
Miss Nannie Wadsworth	11 80	W. Wadsworth.
Mrs. W. W. Drake and children—3	110 20	W. H. Watkins.
Mrs. B. M. Drake	88 50	Same.
Mrs. Haney	88 50	J. Nicholson.
Peter E. Green's child	28 30	B. Jones.
Mrs. Berry and children—3	70 00	E. R. Strickland.
Mrs. Sims and children—3	116 50	J. Nicholson.
J. G. Deskins and wife	147 00	H. H. Montgomery
Mrs. Herbert	44 25	J. A. B. Jones
Wm. McCormick and wife	88 50	J. H. Holland.
Mrs. Ransom J. Jones and children—3	70 20	Same.
Wm. Finn and wife	177 00	P. S. Petty.
J. G. Jones and wife	177 00	J. G. Jones.
Total	$2,210 05	

From the best information we can obtain, we estimate the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon this Conference the ensuing year—for the Conference Collection the same as last year, $4200, and for the Bishops $1450.

And we distribute these amounts among the districts as follows:

DISTRICTS.	BISHOPS.	CONFERENCE collection.
Vicksburg	$225 00	$700 00
Jackson	290 00	800 00
Brandon	150 00	300 00
Brookhaven	225 00	600 00
Woodville	200 00	600 00
Seashore	95 00	250 00
Meridian	220 00	500 00
Summit	95 00	250 00

The Joint Board of Finance instruct me to report as a plan of operations for the collection of the Bishops' Fund and the amount necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans of deceased preachers, the same that was recommended at the last Conference. That this plan may be present to the brethren, it is recommended that it be printed as a part of the Minutes of this Conference, and it is hereto appended:

To enlarge the facilities of the various local Boards of Stewards, we recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the financial plan. We include in the amendment the following particulars:

1. The Board of Stewards may select a secretary outside of their own number.
2. They may employ as collectors as many discreet ladies as they can profitably employ.
3. They shall report to each Quarterly Meeting the assessments and payments of the individual members of the church.
4. They shall make, to the fourth Quarterly Conference, a consolidated report of their financial accounts with the members.

To enable this Board to comply with the laws of its creation, the Presiding Elders will see that the recording stewards of each work comply with the Discipline, and forward to this Board the financial report of the work for the whole year. We can decide no question legally in the absence of these reports, where such question or issue depends upon these reports for lawful evidence.

We recommend that the Bishops' Fund remain under the care of the Presiding Elders, and that the Conference collections be entrusted to the care of the preachers.

Resolved, That when, at the close of the Conference year, payments actually made to preachers on account of salary by the stewards of circuits or stations, do not correspond to the allowances made by such Boards of Stewards, it is the duty of the preachers on the same work so receiving such moneys to make distribution between themselves, *pro rata*, in conformity with the salaries so allowed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee have had the subject of Missions under consideration, but from the meagre report of some of the Missionaries, it has been a difficult task to make out a report, at least such a one as would have been desirable. We find, however, that there are 17 Missions in the bounds of our Conference, viz:

Homochitto Mission—Consisting of three churches, 600 sittings; value, $1000. On this Mission four adults have been baptized. This Mission has paid to their preacher $80 90.

PONTCHATOULA MISSION Two churches, 350 sittings; value, $700; 12 adults baptized and 25 children.

BIG CREEK—No report.

LIVINGSTON—No report.

WILLIAMSBURG MISSION—Two churches, 325 sittings; value, $350; 145 members; 12 adults baptized and 2 children.

GREEN MISSION—118 members; 4 adults baptized, 12 infants; 1 Sunday School, 5 teachers, 20 scholars; 50 volumes in library. $137 75 paid to the Missionary.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS MISSION—No report.

BROOKHAVEN MISSION—No report.

YAZOO MISSION—One church, 300 sittings; value, $800; 23 members, baptized, 5 adults and 1 infant; 1 Sunday School, 1 superintendent, 3 teachers, 14 scholars.

VICKSBURG MISSION—One church; sittings, 275; value, $5000; members, 48; 1 local preacher; baptized, 4 adults and 6 children; 1 Sunday School, 12 teachers, 75 scholars. Amount paid to Missionary, $321 95.

MILLDALE AND SUNFLOWER MISSION—On this Mission there have been three churches organized, and some $400 subscribed to build a church; 76 members. $50 paid to the Missionary, and more promised.

DECATUR MISSION—One church; sittings, 300; value, $350; members, 147; baptized, 3 adults. Paid to the Missionary, $51 35. The several appointments on this Mission have been transferred to the adjoining circuits.

TAYLORVILLE MISSION—Six churches; sittings, 685; value, $625; members, 120; baptized, adults 2, infants 7.

CHICKASAHA MISSION—On this Mission there are 8 places of preaching, 119 members, 1 Sunday School, 4 teachers and 25 scholars. The brother who served this Mission recommends that the whole of this Mission be attached to the Green Mission.

ENTERPRISE MISSION—In this Mission there are 2 churches; sittings, 500; value, $500. Appointments for preaching, 4; members, 110; baptized, 4 adults and 15 children; 1 Sunday School, 8 teachers and 40 scholars; volumes in library, 180; paid, $25. On this Mission there has been one church built during the year. It is recommended that this Mission be discontinued, and the churches attached to adjoining circuits.

A petition has been laid before us, signed by the preacher in charge of Philadelphia Circuit, Brandon District, and the members of the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, that a suitable Missionary be appointed to preach to and instruct the Choctaw Indians, (about 3000 in number,) still living in the bounds of Brandon and Meridian Districts, and we think it would be well if such a Mission could be established, and we hope that the Conference and the Missionary Board will take the subject under consideration. These Indians are living in our midst, and it is our duty to look after their spiritual welfare.

But a question arises here How are these Missions to be sustained? They cannot be sustained without money, and the amount reported this year to the Conference is only $1,650 50. And this small amount, after deducting 40 per cent. for the Parent Missionary Board, to be divided between 17 or 18 Missionaries, some of whom have not, during the year, received more than $25, really looks discouraging; but Methodist preachers have long since learned to trust in God, and hope for better times, and thus year after year go out into the highways and hedges, trusting in Him who clothes the lilies of the field.

Your committee are, however, of the opinion that if every preacher of this Conference will, during the coming Conference year, make a proper effort to collect money for Missions, that all our Domestic Missions can be sustained.

In an examination of the statistical reports of the members of this Conference, we find that some of the stations and circuits have done well; others have sent up but a small amount, whilst a considerable number have not contributed one cent. Where the fault lies in these delinquent

cases is not for us to say, but we hope that the character of these circuits will be fully redeemed at next Conference, and that the Missionary drafts will be at par.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That we request Bishop Kavanaugh to lay the condition of the Choctaw Indians in our midst before the Parent Missionary Board at its next meeting, and urge it and the Bishops to send a native Choctaw from the Indian Mission Conference to preach to the Indians in our midst.

W. SPILLMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Mississippi Conference recommend the following division of the amount to be raised for Missions among the several districts:

Woodville District	$350
Vicksburg "	450
Jackson "	450
Brandon "	350
Summit "	250
Meridian "	300
Seashore "	200
Brookhaven "	400

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, *Secretary.*

INSTRUCTION TO UNDERGRADUATES.

Resolved 1st, That it shall be the duty of the minister stationed at the seat of our next Annual Conference to provide rooms for the sessions of the Examining Committees.

2d. That the Committees and Undergraduates shall meet Tuesday morning before the session of the Conference, and that if any Undergraduate fails to meet his committee at the time appointed, he shall not be entitled to an examination, except by the special order of the Conference, upon good excuse rendered for his non-attendance.

3d. That if any committeeman fails to attend he shall be liable to censure by the Conference.

4th. That the Presiding Elders be instructed to inform the Undergraduates and Committeemen of the district of these requirements.

HISTORY OF METHODISM.

Resolved, That the Mississippi Annual Conference do hereby request the Rev. John G. Jones to prepare for publication a complete History of Methodism, as connected with the Mississippi Conference.

F. M. FEATHERSTUN,
W. HARRINGTON,
W. H. WATKINS.

NAMES OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That the preacher in charge of each circuit and station be required to furnish the Joint Board of Finance with a written statement of the condition of each claimant on the Conference Fund within their work.

E. R. JONES,
T. P. BELL.

DUPLICATE STATISTICAL REPORTS.

Resolved, That next year the preachers be required to make out duplicate reports, one to be placed in possession of the Statistical Secretary on the first day of the Conference; the other to be divided among the various committees.

Resolved 2d, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to furnish the preachers in their districts with blank forms of Statistical Reports.

LETTER TO SUPERANNUATES.

On motion of J. A. B. Jones, W. E. M. Linfield and H. H. Montgomery were appointed to address a letter of brotherly love and Christian sympathy to our fathers in the superannuated relation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDRESS.

On motion of J. A. Godfrey, W. E. M. Linfield was requested to publish, in the New Orleans Christian Advocate, the address by him on Sabbath to the Sabbath School.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Conference tender their unfeigned thanks, individually and collectively, to the citizens of Brandon and vicinity for their generous hospitality during the session.

2. That we heartily reciprocate the feeling that tempted our brethren of the Presbyterian Church in Brandon to favor us with the use of their elegant house of worship during the session.

3. That we gratefully acknowledge the special courtesy of Col. A. J. Frantz, who, in addition to other favors, has furnished the Conference daily with a printed copy of the proceedings.

4. We thank the officers in charge for the use of the Court House.

5. We most cheerfully render our acknowledgments to the various railroad companies, and steamboat officers, who have favored us in the matter of transportation.

H. J. HARRIS,
F. M. WILLIAMS.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE PREACHERS.

Jackson District—Henderson H. Montgomery, Presiding Elder.
Jackson Station—Wm. E. Ballard.
Brownsville—Robert B. Downer.
Madison—Warren C. Black.
Canton Station—Ransom J. Jones.
Sharon—To be supplied by W. S. Wingfield.
Sulphur Springs—Jno. W. Hall; Jno. W. Adams, Sup.
Camden—Ralph Bradley; Allen Y. Davis, Sup
Thomastown—Oliver H. P. Davis; James K. Hamblen, Sup.
Carthage—James M. Weems.
Mt. Olivet—Alexander M. Campbell.
Dover—David W. Dillehay.
Yazoo City Station—Charles B. Galloway.
Yazoo—John W. Ellison.
James W. Lambuth, Missionary to China.
Richard Abbey, Special Agent of Publishing House.

Vicksburg District—John A. B. Jones, Presiding Elder
Vicksburg Station—Joshua T. Heard.
Grove Street Church—Francis M. Featherstun.
North Warren—Ira B. Robertson.
Milldale and Sunflower—James S. Harris.
South Warren—Daniel A. J. Parker
Cayuga—Andrew Day.
Rocky Springs—Hiram R. Singleton.
Port Gibson Station—W. Bryant Lewis.
Fayette—James H. Shelton.
Kingston—George W. Chatfield.
Natchez Station—William L. C. Hunnicutt.
Clover Hill—James S. Parker.
Rolling Fork—H. Walter Featherstun.

Woodville District—James L. Forsyth, Presiding Elder.
Woodville Station—William H. Watkins.
Wilkinson—Parmenas Howard.
Amite—John W. Sandell.
Buffalo—Philip S. Petty.
Bayou Sara—Robert D. Norsworthy.
Jackson, La.—C. Green Andrews.
East Feliciana—William H. Leith.
Clinton, La.—James A. Godfrey.
East Baton Rouge—Newton B. Young.
Meadville—Ephraim A. Flowers.
Homochitto Mission—Columbus W. Campbell.
C. G. Andrews, President Centenary College.

SUMMIT DISTRICT—Archibald B. Nicholson, Presiding Elder.
Summit—Benjamin Jones.
Holmesville—Henry P. Lewis.
St. Helena—Calvin C. Watkins.
Greensburg—David P. Bradford.
Amite City—Lyman Carley.
Pontchatoula Mission—To be supplied.
Covington—John D. Willis; George T. Vickers, Sup.
Franklinton—Epaphroditus W. Simmons.
Livingston Mission—Thomas B. Walden.
Big Creek Mission—Seaborn R. Hyde.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—William E. M. Linfield, Presiding Elder.
Brookhaven Station—Edwin H. Mounger.
Brookhaven Mission—John J. Clark.
Bogue Chitto Mission—To be supplied by John Ritchey.
Scotland—William Wadsworth; William G. Millsaps, Sup.
Brandywine—Franklin W. Sharbrough.
Crystal Springs Station—Henry J. Harris.
Terry—James J. Smylie.
Hazlehurst Station—Corydon Chamberlin.
Zion—Pinckney A. Johnson.
Georgetown—Edward Hicks.
Providence—Elisha F. Mullins.
Raymond—Andrew B. Stewart.
Beauregard—William J. Bullivant.
Monticello—Erastus R. Strickland.
H. F. Johnson, President.
W. Harrington, Agent Whitworth Female College.

BRANDON DISTRICT—Francis M. Williams, Presiding Elder.
Brandon Station—George F. Thompson.
Fannin—Louis Kendall.
Garlandsville—Thomas S. West.
Raleigh—John Evans.
Trenton—Claiborne McDonald.
Morton—Robert A. Sibley; James N. Williams, Sup.
Philadelphia—Levi P. Meador.
Hillsboro—John A. Vance.
Walnut Grove—Joseph B. K. Smith.
Union Mission—To be supplied.
Taylorville Mission—To be supplied.
Forest and Lake—Robert Burnip.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—William B. Hines, Presiding Elder.
Meridian Station—John A. Ellis.

DeKalb—Daniel G. W. Ellis.
Spring Hill—John D. Hays.
Marion—To be supplied by Jno. B. Baldwin; Jno. C. Brogan, Sup.
Toomsuba—James McLaurin.
Enterprise Station—Ulysses B. Philips; William Spillman, Sup.
Enterprise—Thomas Y. Armstrong.
Stonewall Factory Mission—To be supplied.
Shubuta Mission—James M. Gann.
Clarke—George M. Gilmore.
Wayne—James Sbanks.
Paulding—Jacob H. Holland.

Seashore District—Charles F. Gillespie, Presiding Elder.
Mt. Carmel—Henry Moore.
Rankin—Walter W. Hurst.
Columbia—David A. Givens.
Pearlington—Henry P. Bowen.
Ocean Springs—Joseph Nicholson.
White Plains—To be supplied.
Enon—Elisha J. Taylor.
East Pascagoula—Philip H. Napier.
West Pascagoula Mission—David Merchant.
Chickasaha and Green Mission—To be supplied by T. C. Wimbush.
John W. Harmon, Sunday School Agent.

George Jackson, George M. Liverman and Reynolds S. Trippett, transferred to Louisiana Conference.

Horace M. Booth, transferred to East Texas Conference, and appointed to Marshall Circuit.

Josiah M. Pugh, transferred to North-west Texas Conference, and President Marvin College.

SUPERANNUATES.

John G. Jones, Thomas Clinton, Barnabas Pipkin, John B. Higginbotham, Levi Pearce, Hervey Copeland, John G. Deskin, William Finn, James Long, William McCormick, Jesse McKay, John B. Bowen.

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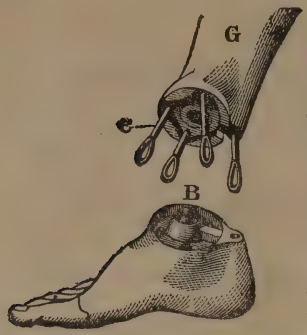

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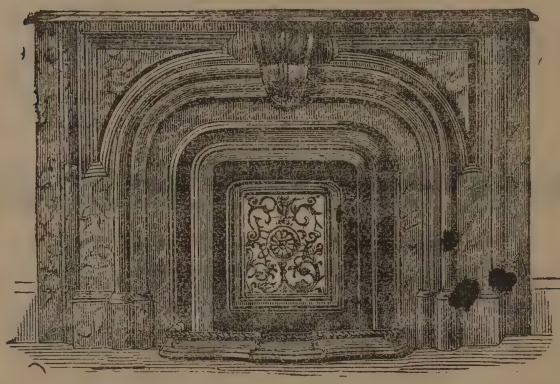

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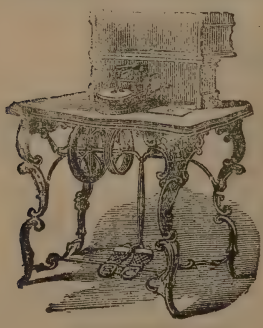

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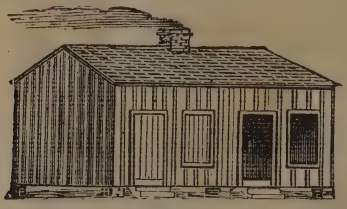

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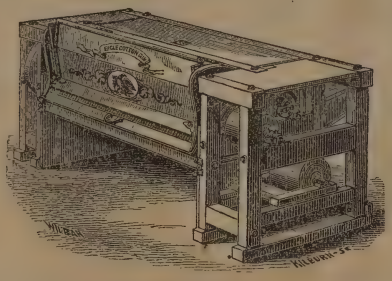

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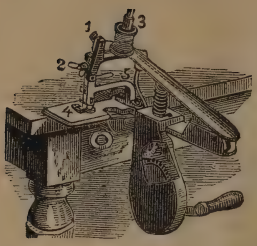

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